

Appendix A.8

Standardized Test - Hope High School

Fill in the blanks.

Inspired by the Geography class you are taking, you decide to spend summer vacation on a worldwide trip. As you leave Denver, you look to the west for your last glimpse of the (1)_____ Mountains. Flying northeast, you look down first on the (2)_____ River and then the (3)_____ River, the longest rivers in the United States. From New York City, at latitude and longitude of (4)_____, you fly east toward the continent of (5)_____. As you fly across the (6)_____ Ocean, to the north of your airplane are the islands of (7)_____ and (8)_____ in that order. At 52 degrees N. 0 degrees long, you land in the city of (9)_____. The residents of this city speak English, which is a member of the (10)_____ language family. Wanting to let your family know you are off to a good start, you call home at 3 PM local time, knowing that it will be (11)_____ o'clock at home in Denver. You then take a train to Paris which uses the "Chunnel," a new transport route which burrows under a narrow body of water called (12)_____ to the mainland of the continent. Paris, the capital city of (13)_____, is located at latitude and longitude (14)_____. While in Paris, you are surprised to learn that France is the world's leading exporter of this fruit (15)_____. With your international connections, you are offered the rare opportunity to go on a polar bear viewing expedition offered by the Russian government. So you leave Paris and head northeast, across northern Europe to the island of (16)_____ located at 73 degrees N. 55 degrees E, in the (17)_____ Sea which itself is part of the larger (18)_____ Ocean. The natural vegetation of this island is called (19)_____ and reminds you of the vegetation found on the mountaintops of Colorado. After discovering that Russian bears do indeed speak a different language than American ones, you head south along the 60th meridian to the 60th parallel and the (20)_____ Mountains. The natural vegetation of these mountains is the taiga, a forest composed of (21)_____. This, perhaps the largest forest in the world, stretches from the shores of the Baltic Sea in the west to beyond the waters of (22)_____, located at 53 degrees N and 108 degrees E. While in Russia your meals often feature potatoes, and you learn that Russia grows (23)_____ per cent of the world's potatoes. From 60 degrees N and 60 degrees E you will travel about 25 degrees to the east and 32 degrees to the south to the city of (24)_____ which is the capital of Nepal. The (25)_____ mountains form the backbone of this country. Using the map on p. 183, you estimate the lowest elevation in this country as (26)_____ feet. One hundred to two hundred miles to the south is the valley of the Ganges River, one of the most densely populated regions on earth. Population densities there are (27)_____ per square mile. Even so, only (28)_____ per cent of the people live in urban areas. It seems that everywhere here in India are temples and other reminders that (29)_____ is the dominant religion. Along the Ganges, you find it easy to satisfy your sweet tooth,

since India produces (30)_____ of the world's cane sugar. After your visit to the glacier clad mountains of Nepal, you yearn for a tropical climate and so travel to Singapore, a city with a population of about (31)_____ million. Singapore is a city whose site could be described as being on an (32)_____ island at the tip of the Malay Peninsula. Singapore's situation could be described as across the Strait of (33)_____ from the island of (34)_____, and on the trade route which connects the (35)_____ Ocean on the west to the (36)_____ Sea to the east of the city. From Singapore, you decide to go on an expedition to visit some of the last stone-age people on earth. You fly to 5 degrees S, 140 degrees E, on the island of (37)_____, having flown across the island of (38)_____ to get there. Due south lies the island continent of (39)_____, whose highest mountain range, the (40)_____ are the lowest of any continent. As you travel around the "outback," or interior, it seems that there are more kangaroos than people. You discover that the population density of most of the continent is less than (41)_____ per square mile. From Perth on the west coast, you call home to let your family know that you are still OK. It is noon Thursday when you call. It is what day (42)_____ and time (43)_____ in Denver when your family picks up the phone? You leave the island continent following the parallel 20 degrees S to the west. You cross the (44)_____ Ocean and the island of (45)_____ before reaching the continent of (46)_____ near the mouth of the (47)_____ River. Here, in the country of Mozambique, you hope not to fall ill since there are over (48)_____ people for every doctor. You notice that there are few overweight people in Mozambique since the per capita calorie supply is (49)_____ of requirements. Since it's July, your knowledge of climate regions tells you that the weather is likely to be (dry or rainy) (50)_____ on the coast of Mozambique. Ascending the river from its mouth at 18 degrees S, 37 degrees E, you view hippos and the remnants of the once great elephant herds. At about 18 degrees S, 26 degrees E, the river plunges over (51)_____, once of the great cataracts of the world. After heading north from (52)_____, the capital of Zambia, you turn west along the equator and return to the western hemisphere. At 50 degrees W you near the mouth of the (53)_____ River. You ascend the river into the ecoregion called the (54)_____. At 60 degrees W you come to the old river town of Manaus, where plantations which once produced natural rubber now grow (55)_____. Continuing west to 78 degrees W, you encounter the (56)_____, the longest mountain range in the world. Here, on the heights of its great volcanoes, eternal snow exists at the equator. Turning finally north, you fly along the meridian of 80 degrees W, crossing the (57)_____ Sea and the island of (58)_____ before reaching the city of (59)_____ at 26 degrees N. Back in the U.S., you catch a flight which stops first at the city of (60)_____, whose situation is the southern tip of Lake Michigan, and then continues on to DIA and home. Quite a summer vacation! You now look for a job so you can pay off your massive credit card bills!